

Mr. Speaker, the United States must continue to play leadership role in protecting the civilians in Darfur and working towards a peaceful resolution to the ongoing conflict. Too many lives have already been lost and this situation will continue to worsen unless we fulfill our commitment by supporting and strengthening the international mission in Darfur.

CONGRATULATING THE CHAZY EAGLES AND LYME INDIANS 2007 NEW YORK STATE GIRLS SOCCER CLASS D CO-CHAMPIONS

HON. JOHN M. McHUGH

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 19, 2007

Mr. McHUGH. Madam Speaker, I rise today to extend my congratulations to the Chazy Central Rural School District's Eagles and the Lyme Central School District's Indians upon sharing the 2007 New York State Class D Girls Soccer Championship. This was the first State girls soccer championship in school history for both schools, which are located in my Upstate New York Congressional District.

On November 17, 2007, Chazy and Lyme became the New York State Class D Co-Champions when they played each other to a 0-0 tie after two overtime periods and 110 minutes. In the game, Lyme goalkeeper Alex Weston, who was named the tournament's outstanding goalkeeper, made 12 saves while Chazy's K.C. Olds set a State record with her 20th shutout of the season. Olds, who tied the Section VII career record with 37½ shutouts, was also a Third Team All-State selection.

The Chazy Eagles finished their season at 23-1-1 under the tutelage of Coach Joe Dumoulin, who was named Class D Coach of the Year. Other members of the team included assistant coaches Saania Duprey, Karissa House, and Cory Thompson and players Brigid Daul, a two-time Third Team All-State selection; Liz Favreau; Jessica Garrant; Co-Captain Brittany Godreau; Heather Guay; Co-Captain Madelaine Guay, a two-time First Team All-Conference selection and a First Team All-State selection; Astrid Kempainen; Caitlyn Lapier; Devin Latremore; Jennifer Lavigne; Co-Captain Samantha Lavigne; Ali Mitchell; Megan Ryan; Victoria Reynolds, a Second Team All-State selection; Morgan Roussy; Marie Trombly; Shauni Trombly; and Gabby Weeden.

The Lyme Indians finished the season 22-1-1 under Coach Mary Guyette, who is set to retire after 20 years of coaching. Other members of the team included assistant coaches Ashley Barbour and Kristin Robbins; and players Jennifer Augustus; Morgan Boccia; Meredith Borden; Jessica Brown; Tiffany Brown; Katrena Lane; Rachel Matraw; Jasmine Noll; Hilary Rust, a Second Team All North selection; Olivia Speno, a Second Team All North selection; Brittany Sharlow; Courtney Strasser; and Tiffany Wright. Of note, Nikkia Raso and Terra Towne were named CoMost Valuable Players of the Frontier League. In addition, Raso, a First Team All-State selection, was named Class D girls soccer Player of the Year by the New York State Sports-writers and Coaches Organization while Towne was named Second Team All-State.

Madam Speaker, I am honored to represent the Chazy Eagles and the Lyme Indians girls

soccer teams. Accordingly, I now ask my colleagues to join me in commending them for their hard work and accomplishments.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE CLEVELAND CHAPTER OF THE KNIGHTS OF RIZAL

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 19, 2007

Mr. KUCINICH. Madam Speaker, I rise today in recognition of the Cleveland Chapter of the Knights of Rizal, and to celebrate their contributions in service to the Filipino community of Cleveland.

The Knights of Rizal are named after Dr. Jose Protacio Rizal, martyred in 1896 in the midst of the fight for Filipino independence from Spain. Dr. Rizal was an inspiration to a whole country and to celebrate his contributions to the fight for independence for the Philippines.

The Cleveland Chapter of the Knights of Rizal was founded fifteen years ago and has served the Filipino community with dedication and distinction.

Madam Speaker and colleagues, please join me in recognizing the Cleveland chapter of the Knights of Rizal. I commend the Knights of Rizal for their commitment to the Filipino community and the greater community of Cleveland.

ON THE PASSING OF LOUIS JORDAN

HON. G. K. BUTTERFIELD

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 19, 2007

Mr. BUTTERFIELD. Madam Speaker, I respectfully pause today with a heavy heart as I share with my colleagues the sad news of the passing of my good friend Attorney Louis Jordan who was a native of Warren County, NC and lived in Goldsboro, NC. Louis slipped away from us last night leaving his wife Nancy James Jordan and their two adult children, Kevin and Kelly.

A good number of years ago, both Louis and I attended North Carolina Central University. It was there that we became roommates and subsequently grew to be very close friends. After graduation, I returned to my hometown of Wilson and Louis settled in Goldsboro. For more than 35 years, Louis provided a tremendous service to the Wayne County community through his community-oriented practice of law.

Madam Speaker, with many years between us and our law school days, our paths once again crossed. I was a sitting Superior Court Judge and Louis was a practicing attorney who argued many cases before me. He was never one to shy away from a fight and was equipped to slay any legal giant. Louis represented his clients well.

Louis later became an ordained minister and through his ministry exhibited his true dedication, commitment and loyalty to his community. He was a great mentor to the youth of the community and contributed great

counsel and leadership to the City of Goldsboro's Board of Education and the Goldsboro public schools.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring Attorney Louis Jordan. The City of Goldsboro, the State of North Carolina and the United States of America have suffered a great loss.

IN HONOR OF THE VETERANS MEMORIAL SENIOR CENTER IN REDWOOD CITY

HON. TOM LANTOS

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 19, 2007

Mr. LANTOS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to share news about a remarkable organization serving many of the constituents in my home district. The Veterans Memorial Senior Center in Redwood City recently celebrated its recognition as the first—and only—accredited senior center in San Mateo County, the third in California and just the 148th of the 15,000 senior centers in the United States. The senior center's accreditation status is bestowed by the National Institute of Senior Centers (NISC), a unit of the National Council on the Aging.

Accreditation is the official recognition that a senior center is meeting its mission in a nationally accepted professional fashion. It is based on compliance with nine standards of senior center operations developed by NISC. Accreditation is unique to the senior center field and demonstrates outstanding leadership and commitment to high quality programs and services to older adults.

Madam Speaker, the Veterans Memorial Senior Center is to be commended for its vision, collaborative relationships, volunteer programs, outreach programs, wide range of health and fitness programs, plus support services. Its mission is to provide inclusive programs that enhance the body, mind and spirit focusing on health and wellness through a variety of social events, expressive arts, nutrition, fitness, educational, and recreational classes; plus social services support. And it does this very well.

On December 1, 2007, the Center celebrated its 25th Anniversary with a gala event featuring a theme of "Honoring Our Legacy and Looking Into Our Future." I rise today to recognize them on achieving this milestone, and to thank them on behalf of a grateful nation for all the good they do.

Madam Speaker, on behalf of my constituents and the House, I thank the Veterans Memorial Senior Center on Madison Avenue in Redwood City for its 25 years of service and note the exemplary work that Linda M. Griffith, its director, has done to achieve this prestigious accreditation.

TRIBUTE TO ALEXANDER MARTIN

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 19, 2007

Mr. GRAVES. Madam Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Alexander Martin, son of